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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO LEONID I. BREZHNEV

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO GENERAL SECRETARY
BREZHNEV FROM PRESIDENT FORD DATED JANUARY 19. SIGNED
ORIGINAL DELIVERED TO SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON. EMBASSY
MOSCOW MAY AT ITS DISCRETION PROVIDE TEXT THROUGH
CHANNELS IN MOSCOW AS A COURTESY.

BEGIN TEXT: JANUARY 19, 1977

DEAR MR. GENERAL SECRETARY:

SINCE TAKING OFFICE IN 1974 I HAVE VALUED THE
CONTINUED DIALOGUE WE HAVE PURSUED, BY MESSAGE AND IN
OUR MEETINGS, ON THE AGENDA OF DEMANDING ISSUES BEFORE
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, ISSUES OF
IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO OUR NATIONS BUT TO THE SECURITY
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AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

AS THE WORK OF THIS ADMINISTRATION NEARS COMPLETION,
I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION WITH THE

PROGRESS WE HAVE REALIZED. AS I INFORMED THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, A DECISIVE

STEP FORWARD WAS TAKEN IN THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD IN WHICH YOU AND I AGREED THAT AN EQUAL CEILING SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. BASED ON OUR SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, I FULLY BELIEVE THAT THE GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID FOR A FORMAL AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, I WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF MEANINGFUL ARMS CONTROL STEPS AND MEASURES WHICH FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRESS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION BEAR A MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY. I AM CONFIDENT OF THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR MEANINGFUL PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES. WITH LIKE DEDICATION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION, SUCH PROGRESS CAN BE REALIZED.

WITH MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

HIS EXCELLENCY
LEONID I. BREZHNEV
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION
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